



Tennessee Crop Weather

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For the Week Ending May 10, 2015

PLANTING PROGRESS MAKES HUGE STRIDES

Weather this past week brought producers great relief in the ability to get their crops in the ground. Corn planting surpassed the 5-year average while soybeans and cotton both made great planting progress. Producers continued to cut hay. There were 6.7 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was 3 percent very short, 24 percent short and 67 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were 15 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2014	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Winter Wheat - Jointing	98	93	96	N/A	Wheat	0	2	16	56	26
Winter Wheat - Headed	79	47	63	81	Pasture	1	6	23	59	11
Corn - Planted	84	51	84	76	Strawberries	0	5	24	57	14
Corn - Emerged	41	13	50	59						
Soybeans - Planted	20	4	12	12						
Cotton - Planted	21	7	23	18						

County Agent Comments

Good progress made this week finishing up corn and getting a good start on cotton and soybeans. Could really use good shower now to help get crops up and pre-emerge chemicals activated.
Tim Campbell, Dyer County

Producers completed or nearly completed corn planting last week due to great weather conditions, and are now beginning to plant soybeans and cotton. Wheat is good to excellent for most of the county. Cattle are in good condition, along with pastures..
J. C. Dupree, Lauderdale County

Planting of cotton has picked up quite a bit this past week.
Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

The farmers in Fayette County made excellent progress this week. They planted corn, soybeans and cotton. Surprisingly, with all the rain we received, it's getting dry. All crops look good..
Jeff Via, Fayette County

Wheat crop looks great! Corn planting is all wrapped up with many producers planting cotton and soybeans. Pastures and cattle look very good as well.
Walter Battle, Haywood County

Planters are running wide-open this week with many producers completing corn planting and others getting a good jump on soybean planting. Several producers are busy planting grain sorghum, some for the first time. Wheat fungicide applications were completed this week.
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Corn planters were busy throughout the week nearing completion by weeks end. A very hot and dry week has drastically changed soil moisture and now a rain would be a welcome sight. Forage producers also took advantage of the dry week to get a good start on haymaking.
Calvin C. Bryant III, Lawrence County

Farmers were busy throughout the week planting corn and making hay. Ample early week soil moisture turned dry by week's end after near record early May temperatures and no rain.
Brandon Mitchell, Wayne County

Corn planting about wrapped up with beans getting started. Hay is being harvested with mixed reviews on quality and quantity.
Kevin Rose, Giles County

Producers began cutting hay this week, taking advantage of the good weather.
Cynthia H. Zeitz, Jackson County

Corn planting nearing completion. The past week has been excellent for planting. Soybean planting just beginning. Several acres of fescue hay have been cut due to very good curing conditions for this time of year. Best week of the year so far for field work.
Richard Groce, Maury Count

We have the corn planted because of the dry weather the last several days. We have been cutting small grains and ryegrass for hay and I've seen some fescue cut. Yields on our small grains tend to be down somewhat probably because of the cool nights the end of April.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Dry weather has favored hay curing as several acres have been cut. Farmers have taken advantage of dry weather and have been planting at their full capacity. Young corn has finally started to grow thanks to warmer temperatures. Many folks complained about the wet conditions hindering all sorts of field and outdoor work last month, but as a testament to how rapidly things change, turf grass in lawns on shallow soil sites is showing significant signs of drought stress and herbaceous perennials in non-irrigated beds have exhibited mid-day wilt this week

Mitchell Mote, Rutherford County

Hay harvest started this week.

Chris Hicks, Smith County

Warm, sunny days and nights have made a difference. Some concern now about drying conditions. Row crop work is in full swing with field preparation and some no-till soybeans planted. Some corn was planted this week. Tobacco ground work and setting has started. Pastures and hay fields look very good. Hay harvest has started and producers are pleased with yields. Some saying better than expected.

A Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Following a very wet April, it has turned dry in May. Farmers have been very busy this week planting corn and harvesting hay with some moving crop producers moving on to planting soybeans.

Steve Harris, Coffee County

A dry week had farmers off and running at full speed! It has been 11 days since any measureable rain has fell, which has allowed for excellent planting and hay harvest conditions; however, planting and seed emergence conditions are beginning to get tough. Corn and cotton producers made big strides with a lot of producers finishing up. Producers made a good start planting soybeans, a few beginning to back-off and waiting on moisture. Canola and wheat are in the seed forming stages. Producers making good use of dry conditions to harvest hay.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

Pastures / Hay fields are looking fairly good and green (and yellow). On the crop side, after a full week with no rain (finally) soybean and corn producers happily put a good portion of seed in the ground. That being said... now we need some rain.

Matthew Deist, Marion County

A lot of planting and haying occurred this week with temperatures in high 80's and mostly rain-free. Some portions of the county, mostly the mountains, had evening thundershowers with average accumulation of between .10 and .50 inch of rain. Some producers are reporting abnormal (slower) emergence and performance of vegetable crops.

John Wilson, Blount County

Need rain to get back to planting soybeans. Been dry for 2 weeks and low humidity.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Send moisture we could definitely use a shower.

Johnathan Rhea, Monroe County

Only scattered showers recently.

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: May 10, 2015 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending May 10, 2015				Current Week 05/11/15	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	87	56	73	9	0.18	1	18.63	-3.55	5.59	-1.81
Bolivar_Wtr_Wks	86	49	70	6	0.00	0	20.26	-1.14	8.43	1.39
Brownsville	86	58	73	8	1.09	2	18.67	-1.97	6.51	-0.18
Covington_3SW	85	54	72	6	1.02	2	17.53	-3.47	5.78	-1.33
Dresden	85	56	71	8	0.37	3	20.57	0.03	7.73	0.85
Dyersburg_AP	88	57	73	7	0.62	2	16.24	-2.83	5.23	-1.17
Henderson_4W	85	51	68	4	0.20	1	20.39	-0.10	7.92	1.31
Huntingdon_Wate	87	52	71	10	0.11	2	17.55	-2.87	5.90	-0.34
Jackson_Exp_Stn	86	53	72	7	0.39	2	17.68	-2.81	6.37	-0.24
Lexington_Ag	85	51	69	4	0.00	0	18.31	-1.40	6.06	-0.31
Memphis_WFO	88	55	74	9	1.11	1	17.44	-3.11	4.78	-2.28
Milan_Exp_Stn	87	54	72	9	0.26	2	15.99	-4.39	4.68	-1.92
Paris_2SE	87	52	70	7	0.03	2	17.66	-2.61	6.56	0.23
Selmer	86	53	71	6	0.00	0	21.34	-1.12	7.31	0.17
Union_City_AP	84	54	70	7	0.41	3	17.93	-1.23	5.43	-1.03
Middle										
Bethpage_1S	87	47	68	5	0.00	0	17.99	-1.86	5.33	-0.60
Carthage	87	45	69	8	0.00	0	17.35	-2.43	4.69	-0.96
Centerville_4NE	84	49	68	4	0.00	0	18.46	-2.40	6.14	-0.41
Cheatham_L_D	89	49	71	10	0.00	0	17.01	-2.57	5.98	0.09
Clarksville_AP	86	53	70	8	0.00	0	19.63	0.10	7.82	2.00
Coalmont	83	45	65	4	0.00	0	25.82	1.06	8.72	1.92
Columbia_3WNW	87	41	67	6	0.00	0	18.57	-3.34	6.62	-0.03
Cookeville	87	45	68	8	0.00	0	18.03	-3.88	4.59	-1.70
Crossville_AP	84	50	68	8	0.00	0	20.54	-1.33	6.46	0.14
Dover_1W	85	51	70	8	0.30	2	21.36	1.07	7.22	1.10
Fayetteville_Wt	89	50	70	6	0.00	0	22.73	0.42	4.89	-1.14
Hohenwald	84	49	68	5	0.00	0	19.59	-3.15	6.62	-0.37
Jamestown	85	42	68	8	0.00	0	19.34	-0.91	6.23	0.43
Kingston_Spring	89	39	69	8	0.00	0	20.38	0.66	7.90	1.96
Lobelville	88	46	68	5	0.00	0	19.37	-2.39	7.02	0.52
Monteagle	82	48	66	5	0.00	0	25.03	0.27	8.90	2.10
Murfreesboro_5N	87	43	69	7	0.00	0	17.75	-2.48	4.80	-1.04
Nashville_Metro	90	53	73	9	0.00	0	17.40	-0.62	6.33	0.84
Shelbyville_Wtr	88	51	71	8	0.00	0	19.12	-2.32	6.10	0.22
Sparta_WWTP	88	47	70	7	0.00	0	18.77	-2.67	5.80	-0.10
Springfield_Exp	88	47	72	10	0.00	0	19.10	0.01	7.85	1.88
Tennessee_Ridge	87	54	72	10	0.00	0	18.36	-2.94	7.12	0.68
Thompson_Statio	87	52	70	7	0.00	0	18.18	-4.10	5.91	-0.63
Wartrace_6E	81	50	67	5	0.00	0	20.96	-2.76	6.64	0.02
Waynesboro_Ag	87	50	70	8	0.00	0	22.43	-0.92	8.53	1.43
East										
Athens	88	45	70	8	0.00	0	19.56	-4.15	5.88	-0.51
Chattanooga_Lov	89	52	72	7	0.00	0	20.49	-1.55	9.31	3.71
Gatlinburg_2SW	82	42	65	6	0.47	4	18.14	-2.57	6.19	0.17
Greeneville_Exp	86	45	67	10	0.15	1	14.25	-2.17	4.98	-0.12
Kingston_Ag	87	45	69	8	0.00	0	18.46	-4.61	5.48	-0.82
Knoxville_AP	87	52	72	9	0.00	0	15.80	-3.41	4.14	-1.32
Lenior_City	86	53	70	7	0.10	3	17.52	-3.98	4.60	-1.41
Morristown_Radi	85	46	69	8	0.30	1	15.97	-1.71	5.09	0.20
Oak_Ridge	90	50	72	9	0.00	0	19.28	-1.99	6.77	0.85
Roan_Mtn_2SE	81	39	61	8	0.57	4	15.16	-3.37	6.67	1.05
Rogersville_1NE	85	47	67	6	0.14	2	18.88	1.85	7.47	2.23
Townsend_5S	81	41	65	6	0.62	3	19.62	-1.09	5.96	-0.06
Tri-City_RGNL_A	88	48	69	9	0.30	1	14.61	-0.78	5.28	0.72

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week.
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.